GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1338
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COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF PEOPLE S ACTION AND RURAL TECHNOLOGY
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAPART has set up its regional offices in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure being incurred by CAPART on these offices during 1999-2000;

(d) the achievements of CAPART in the field of rural technology;

(e) whether CAPART has not been able to achieve results in the field of technology and there is a need to redirect it on the improvement of technology;

(f) whether National Institute of Rural Development has given any suggestions in this regard;
g) if so, whether there is a proposal to review the activities of CAPART; and
h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a)&(b): Yes, sir. Details are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): The expenditure incurred during 1999-2000 is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d): 1035 projects involving a sum of Rs.44.34 crores have been sanctioned to 824 voluntary organisations, NGOs and individual inventors in the field of rural technology since inception and a sum of Rs. 31.69 crores has been released.
74 rural technologies in different fields including Agriculture, Rural Industries, low cost constructions, Water Harvesting and Management, Energy, Environmental Sanitation etc., have been assisted by CAPART under the scheme. These technologies, inter-alia, include NADEP composting tank. Ferro Cement Tanks, Mud Solar Cookers, Traddle pumps, Energy Efficient Divices Construction Technology etc.

(e): On revision of the position it has been found that though substantial work within the limited resources has been done by CAPART in the field of rural technology yet there is enough scope for expansion of CAPART activities in this field. A core group has been constituted to act as think tank in the field of rural technology for making suggestions for further improvements in this field.

(f): National Institute of Rural Development and Swami Ramananda Tirth Institute of Socio-Economic Research and Nationa Integration conducted a National Conference on Science and Technology inputs for backward area development on May 30-31, 2000 at NIRD Hyderabad in which Science and Technology inputs were suggested for the development of backward areas.

(g) &(h): There is also a National Standing Committee on Rural Technology in CAPART which predominently comprises representatives of voluntary organisations involved in science and technology work and experts in this field which reviews the implementation of the scheme and make suggestion from time to time.

Annexure I

The statement referred to in reply to part (a&b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1338regarding Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology by Shri A. Bhahmanaiah.

Sl.No.	Regional Committee	States covered under each Regional Committee
1.	Ahmedabad	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Dadar & Nagar Haveli.
2.	Bhubaneswar	Orissa, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

3. Chandigarh Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh & Panjab.

4. Dharwad Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, & Minicoy Islands, Goa, Daman & Diu.

5. Jaipur Delhi & Rajasthan
6. Guwahati Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura & Meghalaya.

7. Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu,

8. Lucknow Uttar Pradesh.

9. Patna Bihar.

Annexure II

The statement referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1338 regarding Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology by Shri A. Bhahmanaiah.

Details of expenditure during 1999-2000 on RCs (Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the RC	Admn.	Expenditure
1.	Ahmedabad	29.96	
2.	Bhubaneswar	28.03	
3.	Chandigarh	33.74	
4.	Dharwad	24.59	
5.	Guwahati	23.06	
6.	Hyderabad	30.24	
7.	Jaipur	31.08	
8.	Lucknow	29.61	
9.	Patna	24.10	
TOTAL		254.41	